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SUBJ: PROPOSED VISIT OF OMVS CHIEFS OF STATE TO EUROPE
AND NORTH AMERICA

REF: BAMAKO 1504

1. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO INFORM GOVERNMENT OF MALI THAT
YOU HAVE NOTIFIED DEPARTMENT OF PLANNED VISIT TO UNITED
STATES AND OTHER MAJOR DONOR CAPITALS BY OMVS CHIEFS OF
STATE PRESIDENT TRAORE, PRESIDENT SENGHOR, AND PRESIDENT
OULD DADDAH. REGRETTABLY, THE TIMING AND OBJECTIVES OF THE
VISIT PRECLUDE ARRANGING A CALL ON PRESIDENT CARTER.

2. IN CONVEYING OUR DECISION YOU SHOULD POINT OUT: (A) THE
PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE DURING THE PROPOSED VISIT PERIOD IS
ALREADY COMMITTED; AND (B) THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
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CANNOT RPT CANNOT ASSIST AT THIS TIME IN THE OMVS PROJECTS
FOR WHICH THE CHIEFS OF STATE SEEK ASSISTANCE BECAUSE OF
LEGISLATIVE PROHIBITIONS ON EXPENDITURES FOR INFRASTRUCTURE,
PARTICULARLY DAMS. IF YOU THINK IT ADVISABLE, YOU MAY ALSO
NOTE THAT PRESIDENT SENGHOR WILL PAY A PRIVATE VISIT TO
WASHINGTON IN EARLY JUNE, THAT THIS VISIT WAS PLANNED MANY
MONTHS AGO IN CONNECTION WITH SOME OTHER ACTIVITIES OF

PRESIDENT SENGHOR IN THE U.S., AND THAT PRESIDENT TRAORE MIGHT WISH TO SUGGEST TO PRESIDENT SENGHOR THAT HE RAISE OMVS MATTERS IN WASHINGTON.

3. THE USG REMAINS COMMITTED TO REGIONAL COOPERATION EFFORTS, INCLUDING THE OMVS, AND WE FULLY INTEND TO CONTINUE OUR OMVS ASSISTANCE TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE UNDER OUR CONGRESSIONAL MANDATE: E.G. OMVS ENVIRONMENT ASSESSMENT, OMVS AGRONOMIC RESEARCH, DATA AND INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT, AND OTHER PROJECTS IN OMVS MEMBER STATES. VANCE

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